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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese document JP 2002-136086, which was published on May 10, 2002, along with English language U.S. Patent Application Publication US2002/0033746 A1, which was published on March 21, 2002;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. SHO 63-44930, which was published on November 22, 1988, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Unexamined Patent No. 2002-233575, which was published on August 20, 2002, along with a full English language translation;

U.S. Patent 3,358,676 to FREI et al., which issued on December 19, 1967;

U.S. Patent 6,296,604 to GARIBALDI et al., which issued on October 2, 2001;

An article entitled "Magnetic Manipulation Instrumentation For Medical Physics

Research”, by GILLIES et al, published at pages 533 to 562 of Rev. Sci. Instrum. 65 (3), March, 1994;

An article entitled “EMR-Strip Biopsy For early Stages of Gastric”, by TADA et al., which was published at pages 782 to 783 of Procedure of Strip Biopsy for early Gastric Cancer (vol. 12, No. 6, 2000), along with a full English language translation;

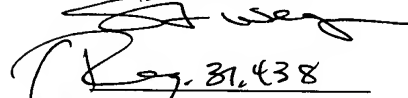
An article entitled “Development Use of the POD Catheter in the Cerebral Vascular System”, by DRILLER et al., which was published at pages 11 to 16 of Medical Research Engineering (August/September, 1969); and

An article entitled “Functional Design Features and Initial Performance Characteristics of a Magnetic-Implant Guidance System for Stereotactic Neurosurgery”, by McNEIL et al., which was published at pages 793 to 801 of IEEE Transactions On Biomedical Engineering (vol. 42, no. 8, August, 1995).

Copies of the above-listed documents are provided for the Examiner’s review. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the documents. The above-cited documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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